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Bonneville Power Administration

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KECN-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS, (DOE/EIS-0246/SA-12)

TO: Phil Havens - KEWN-4
Fish and Wildlife Project Manager

Proposed Action: Big Island McKenzie River Wildlife Project

Project No: 9206800

Budget No: F3304

Wildlife Management Techniques of Actions Addressed Under this Supplement Analysis (See App A of the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS): 1.2 Easement Acquisition, 2.0 Plant Propagation Techniques, 2.1 Transplanting, 2.2 Seeding, 2.3 Irrigation, 4.0 Water Development and Management Techniques, 4.2 Diversions, 4.4 Check Dams and Impoundments, 4.6 Water Rights Acquisition, 5.1 Pipelines, 5.2 Culverts, 5.3 Drainage Ditches/Conveyance Channels, 6.0 Fire Management Techniques, 6.2 Natural Fire Management, 7.0 Vegetation Management: Enhancement and Control, 7.1 Herbicides, 7.2 Mechanical Removal, 7.3 Biological Control, 7.4 Hand pulling, 7.6 Water Level Manipulation, 8.0 Species Management Techniques, 8.2 Reintroduction, 8.3 Augmentation of Wildlife Populations, 8.4 Control of Predators and Nuisance Animals, 9.0 Multiple Use Techniques, 9.2 Provision of Educational and Recreational Opportunities, 9.5 Forest Management, 10.0 Transportation/Access Techniques, 10.1 Land Use Restrictions, 10.2 Road Construction, 10.3 Road Maintenance, and 10.4 Road Decommissioning.

Location: Lane County, Springfield, Oregon

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Description of the Proposed Action: The BPA is proposing to purchase 187 acres of private property as part of their Mitigation and Enhancement Plan for the Willamette River Basin. Title to the land would then be transferred to the ODFW for wildlife habitat protection and enhancement. The land is currently owned by six private landowners and the City of Springfield.

Analysis: The compliance checklist for this project was completed by the ODFW and meets the standards and guidelines for the Wildlife Mitigation Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision. A comprehensive management plan would be prepared for the property after it is purchased. The plan would be prepared by the ODFW and would follow the guidelines and mitigation measures listed in the checklist.

Section 7 consultation would be conducted by BPA and the ODFW, as needed, prior to any activities that may affect species listed under the Endangered Species Act. The current activity, fee-title purchase of the property, would not affect listed species.

A Archaeological and Historical Survey of the property was conducted on March 22, 2000 by Eastern Washington University. There were no known cultural resources in the project area potentially eligible for the National Register. As a result of the survey, no significant cultural resources were recorded within the project area.

In February 2000, Fred Walasavage of BPA conducted a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) on the property. The objective of the ESA is to identify "recognized environmental conditions" in general accordance with the American Society for Testing and Materials Standard E1528-93. The report concluded that the Phase I survey did not reveal any environmental factors that would pose a significant liability for remedial action or cleanup under the Comprehensive Environmental Recovery, Compensation, and Liability Act.

Findings: The project is generally consistent with Sections 7.6 A, B, and C, 11.2D.1, and 11.3.A and 11.3.D of the Northwest Power Planning council's Fish and Wildlife Program. The attached Supplement Analysis finds 1) that the proposed actions are substantially consistent with the Wildlife Management Program EIS (DOE/EIS-2965) and ROD, and; 2) that there are no new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed actions or their impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

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Attachments:

NEPA Compliance Checklist

List of Techniques

Cultural Resource Survey Report

Phase I Environmental Site Assessment